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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO RIO KIDNAPPING AND BOMBINGS

1. AMCONSUL RIO REPORTS THE FOLLOWING: PADRE VIRGILIO LEITE UCHOA, VICE SECRETARY-GENERAL, NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BRAZILIAN BISHOPS (CNBB) TOLD CONSULATE POLITICAL OFFICER YESTERDAY THAT CNBB AND BISHOP HIPOLITO WERE CONVINCED THAT "DEATH SQUAD" WAS NOT ASSOCIATED IN ANY WAY WITH KIDNAPPING. RATHER, BRAZILIAN ANTICOMMUNIST ALLIANCE WAS ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE. UCHOA EMPHASIZED CNBB UNHAPPINESS OVER FACT THAT NO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL HAD OFFERED ANY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY TO CNBB OR BISHOP PERSONALLY. (HE DID STATE THAT CARDINAL SALES, WHO HAS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH 1ST ARMY, HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY UNNAMED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BUT HE CLASSIFIED THESE CONTACTS AS PERSONAL INSTEAD OF OFFICIAL ACTS.) THIS SAME POINT WAS MADE BY CNBB SECRETARY GENERAL AT PRESS CONFERENCE. GOB SILENCE CONTRASTS TO NUMEROUS CALLS MADE TO O GLOBO OWNER ROBERTO MARINHO; FROM PRESIDENT, ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, VICE PRESIDENT AND SEVERAL MINISTERS.

2. UCHOA THOUGHT ON BALANCE CHURCH HAS GAINED WIDESPREAD PUBLIC SYMPATHY FROM ACT DESIGNED TO INTIMIDATE AND HUMILIATE CNBB AND LIBERAL CLERGY.

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